

**Wilson Announces ARC Grant of \$250,000 for Woodsfield, Monroe County
*Public water system will be upgraded***

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce a \$250,000 federal grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to upgrade the Village of Woodsfield's public water system. The grant will provide improved service to 1,127 households, 193 commercial businesses and 1 industry.

According to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Village of Woodsfield does not have a sufficient water supply. To supplement its existing reservoir supply, the village purchased Rubel's Lake, a 20-acre farm pond located 6 miles from the nearest water treatment plant. ARC funds will be used to construct a water line to connect the lake to the treatment plant. The project will provide the community with an adequate raw water source to meet water demands during periods of drought. The project will also support the expansion plans of local businesses and the school district.

"I'm so pleased that Woodsfield residents will see some real change in their water supply," Wilson said. "Our infrastructure has been neglected for too long. Making sure our communities have enough safe water is extremely important."

In addition to ARC funds, an Ohio Community Development Block Grant of \$448,900 and a \$198,900 loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority will bring the total project funding to \$897,800.